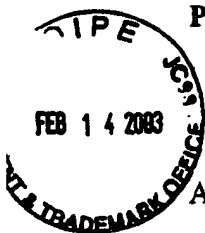


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Patent

Docket No. 1232-4697

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Akira HIRAI

Group Art Unit: 2882

Serial No.: 09/820,575

Examiner: T. BARBER

Filed: March 29, 2001

For: IMAGING APPARATUS, IMAGING SYSTEM, CONTROL METHOD OF IMAGING APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM WITH TIMING CONTROL FUNCTIONALITY (as amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination of the instant application, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 37-56 with the following:

37. (Amended) An imaging apparatus comprising:

an image sensing unit adapted for sensing an electromagnetic wave image of a subject; and

a controller adapted for generating a first signal for permitting an irradiating unit to irradiate an electromagnetic wave and a second signal for initializing said image sensing unit, so as to overlap a first period and a second period,

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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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| Examiner Name | Therese BARBER |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: Amendment Fee Transmittal and a Check in the amount of \$336.00 are enclosed

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.117(i) required)
- b. Other:

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this RCE and Preliminary Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1948-4726. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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